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CE 642 Traffic Flow Theory and Control

College: Engineering
Department: Civil
First: Course Definition
1- Course Code : CE 642
2- Units : 3
3 – Semester
4 -Prerequisite
5- Co-requisite
6- Location (if not on main Campus):

Second: Course Objectives

- 1- Apply Fundamentals of macro and microscopic traffic flow characteristics, continuum flow models.
- 2- Control of signalized and unsignalized intersections, and traffic simulation

Third: Course Specifications

1- Topics to be covered			
Subject		Units	
Traffic Flow Theories : Macroscopic Traffic Flow Theory	1	3	
Traffic Flow Theories : Microscopic Traffic Flow Theory	1	3	
Queueing and Delays at Isolated Intersections: Traffic	3	9	
Characteristics, The Gap Acceptance Function, The Delay To A			
Single Car, Delays To Pedestrians, Queueing And Delays Of			
Vehicles, The Delay At A Traffic Signal			
Traffic Control : Objectives Of Traffic Control, Single, Isolated	3	9	
Intersection, Synchronization Schemes For Arterial Traffic, The			
TRANSYT Program			

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Traffic Control: Traffic Responsive Operation Of Traffic Lights, Single Intersection, Systems of Intersections, The SCOOT Program,	3	9
The OPAC, PRODYN, CRONOS, and COP Programs, The Onset of		
Oversaturation, Oversaturated Systems, Freeway Control, Systems Affected By Geometric Details		
Traffic Generation, Distribution, and Assignment: Network	3	9
Representation Of A Transportation System, Trip Generation And		
Distribution, Time-Independent Traffic Assignment, Dynamic		
Traffic Assignment, Traffic Assignment In Congested Systems		

2- Course components (Total hrs in the Semester): 42

Lecture	Exercise	Other
42	-	0

3- Intended Learning Outcomes of the Course (ILO's)

a. Knowledge

i) Description of the knowledge to be acquired:

- Macroscopic and Microscopic Traffic Flow Theory
- Queueing and Delays at Isolated Intersections
- Traffic Control
- Traffic Generation, Distribution, and Assignment
- Traffic simulation using TRANSYT program

ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop that knowledge

- Class lectures.
- Term projects.
- Students' presentations.
- Group discussion.

iii) Methods of assessment of knowledge acquired

- Exams.
- Quizzes.
- Homework assignments.
- Term projects.

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b- Cognitive (Intellectual) Skills

i) Cognitive skills to be developed

- Advanced concept of traffic flow theory and control
- TRANSYT Program

ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these cognitive skills

- Class lectures.
- Case studies analysis.
- Term projects.

iii) Methods of assessment of students cognitive skills

- Students' seminars and presentations.
- Term projects.
- Written reports.

c. Interpersonal Skills and Responsibility

i) Description of the interpersonal skills and capacity to carry responsibility to be developed

- Decision making based on engineering analysis.
- Communication skills.
- Team work.

ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these skills

- Class lectures.
- Term projects.
- Case studies analysis.

iii) Methods of assessment of students interpersonal skills and capacity to carry responsibility

- Term project.
- Written reports.
- Students' **s**eminars and presentations.

d. Communication, Information Technology and Numerical Skills

i) Description of the skills to be developed in this domain

- Literature research.
- Problems modeling.

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- Utilization of computer applications in analysis and modeling.

ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these skills

- Class lectures.
- Case studies analysis.
- Computer lab sessions.
- Term projects.

iii) Methods of assessment of students numerical and communication skills

- Term projects.
- Written reports.
- Students' seminars and presentations.

e. Psychomotor (if applicable) & Other Non-cognitive Skills

i) Description of the psychomotor or other skills to be developed and the level of performance required

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iii) Methods of assessment of student's psychomotor skills

- NA

4- Student Assessment Schedule

Serial	Assessment tool (test, group project, examination etc.)	Week due	Weight
1	Term Project – 1	3 rd	15 %
2	Mid Term Exam -1	7 th	15 %
3	Term Project – 2	10 th	15 %
4	Term Project – 3	13 th	15 %
5	Final Exam	16 th	40 %

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5- Student Support

- Providing electronic library of textbooks and scientific periodicals.
- Providing the necessary computer applications for the course.

6- Learning Resources

i) Essential Books (References)

- Kerner, B. S. "Introduction to Modern Traffic Flow Theory and Control: The Long Road to Three-Phase Traffic Theory," Nova Science Pub Inc; 2010. ISBN-10: 3642026044, ISBN-13: 978-3642026041
- Drew, D. R. "Traffic Flow Theory and Control," McGraw Hill Text; 1968. ISBN-10: 0070178313, ISBN-13: 978-0070178311

ii) Course Notes

- NA

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iii) Recommended Books

iv) Electronic Books & Web Sites:

- Scientific journals and forums.
- http://www.trl.co.uk/Transyt.htm

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v) Periodicals

- ASCE scientific journals.
- ScienceDirect journal.

7- Course Evaluation and Improvement Processes

i) Strategies for Obtaining Student Feedback on Effectiveness of Teaching

- Students' questioners.
- Students' evaluation of course and instructor.

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ii) Other Strategies for Evaluation of Teaching by the Instructor or by the Department

- Public faculty seminars.
- Assessment by external evaluators of students achievements
- Instructor (Course) Report

iii) Processes for Improvement of Teaching

- Assessment of students' work by external examiners.
- Analysis of students' evaluation of course and instructor.
- Seminars by industry professionals.
- iv) Processes for verifying standards of student achievement (e.g. check marking by an independent faculty member of a sample of student work, periodic exchange and remarking of a sample of assignments with a faculty member in another institution)
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- Periodic exchange and remarking of a sample of assignments/exams with a external evaluator.

v) Describe the planning arrangements for periodically reviewing course effectiveness and planning for improvement.

- Assessment and evaluation of the level of achieving the course outcomes through a continuous improvement process (part of a quality assurance system established by the university),
- Consequently, actions are to be taken to improve the course delivery when necessary.
- Review of the course objectives, outcomes and curriculum every 2 years.